

REMARKS

Claims 1-22 and 64-76 were pending in the application. In the instant response, claims 1, 11, 12, 22, 64, 65 and 70 have been amended to clarify the invention. Upon entry of the instant response, claims 1-22 and 64-76 will be pending.

Claims 1, 11, 12, 22, 64, 65 and 70 have been amended to each include a step where a result is displayed or outputted to a user, a computer readable storage medium, a monitor or a computer that is part of a network. Support for the amendment is found in the specification at, e.g., page 41, line 21, through page 42, line 34 and at Figure 9.

No new matter is added by these amendments. Entry of the above made amendments and consideration of the following remarks are respectfully requested.

THE REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 101 SHOULD BE WITHDRAWN

Claims 1, 11, 12, 22 and 64-76 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. The Examiner states that the rejection could be overcome “by amendment of the claims to recite that a result of the method is outputted to a display or other computer on a network.”

In response, while Applicants disagree with the rejection, in order to expedite prosecution, claims 1, 11, 12, 22, 64, 65 and 70 have been amended to add a step of displaying or outputting a result of the method to a user, a computer readable storage medium, a monitor, or a computer that is part of a network. It will be clear to one skilled in the art that outputting the result is not limited to outputting to linked external component(s), but may alternatively or additionally be outputting to internal component(s). It will also be clear to one skilled in the art that the claimed methods can, but need not be, computer-implemented, and that, for example, the displaying or outputting step can be done by, for example, by communicating to a person orally or in writing (e.g., in handwriting). The 35 U.S.C. § 101 rejection of claims 1, 11, 12, 22, 64, 65 and 70 is thus obviated by the amendments. Claims 66-69 and 71-76 each ultimately depends from one of the foregoing amended claims and therefore is drawn to patentable subject matter. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the 35 U.S.C. § 101 rejection of claims 1, 11, 12, 22 and 64-76 be withdrawn.

THE OBJECTION OF CLAIMS 2-10 AND 13-21 SHOULD BE WITHDRAWN

Claims 2-10 and 13-21 are objected to as being dependent upon the rejected base claims 1 and 12, respectively. As noted, claims 1 and 12 have been amended to overcome the

rejection of these claims. Accordingly, the objection to claim 2-10 and 13-21 is obviated and should be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request entry of the foregoing amendments and remarks into the file of the above-identified application. Applicants believe that all the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the Examiner's rejections and objections and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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